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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

INFO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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TAGS: OVIP (GRAHAM, KATHERINE), MO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHER KATHERINE
GRAHAM

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1. HOAGLAND CALLED AS PROMISED ON MAY 10 AND BRIEFED AFN FURTHER ON PLANS FOR GRAHAM VISIT TO MOROCCO, WHICH HE SAID MOROCCANS NOW WISH TO PROGRAM ENTIRELY. AFTER LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN AND ABDELFAHATTAH FREJ (WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED MOULAY HAFID TO U.S. OVER WEEKEND), HOAGLAND SAID HE HAD CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT KING HASSAN WOULD NOT ATTEND UN DISARMAMENT SESSION, AT LEAST AT OUTSET. GRAHAM AUDIENCE WAS "FIXED", EXCEPT FOR EXACT TIME AND PLACE.

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2. FURTHER TO REFTTEL, GRAHAM AND HOAGLAND WILL ARRIVE NOUASSEUR AT 1635 ON MAY 23 VIA BR (9)324. IF EMBASSY WISHES TO PROVIDE CAR AND ESCORT, THIS MAY BE ONLY TIME FOR CONTACT WITH THEM, SINCE THERE WOULD BE "ALMOST NO TIME" AFTER ARRIVAL IN RABAT. MOROCCANS WILL PROVIDE CAR AT AIRPORT ALSO, BUT NO "HAUTE PERSONALITE" WILL BE ON HAND, AND MOROCCAN CAR COULD BE USED FOR BAGGAGE.

3. HOAGLAND SAID THAT MOROCCANS WANT GRAHAM TO MEET WITH

PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT OULD SIDI BABA SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL,
EITHER IN EVENING OF MAY 23 OR EARLY FOLLOWING MORNING.
AFTER THAT THEY WOULD PROCEED TO WHEREVER KING IS AT THE
TIME, PROBABLY MARRAKECH. THEIR DEPARTURE IS SET FOR
MORNING OF MAY 27 ON AF 2000.

4. FROM ABOVE, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER EVENING OF MAY 23
WILL BE FREE FOR AMBASSADOR TO ORGANIZE SMALL DINNER FOR
MRS. GRAHAM, IF HE SO CHOOSES. WE AGREED WITH HOAGLAND
THAT BEST ROUTE FROM HERE ON IS FOR EMBASSY TO EXPLORE THIS
POSSIBILITY WITH FREJ ON HIS RETURN AT END OF THIS WEEK.

5. FOR ALGIERS: WE CONVEYED MESSAGE IN ALGIERS 1434 TO
HOAGLAND ON MAY 8. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT SAID HE
HAD DEFINITELY CONCLUDED THAT ALGIERS COULD NOT BE
SQUEEZED INTO THIS TRIP. VANCE

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